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SUBJECT: ROC REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURAL SPEECH

1. PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURAL SPEECH WAS GIVEN BANNER-  
HEADLINE TREATMENT IN THE LOCAL PRESS. EDITORIAL COMMENT  
FOCUSSED PRIMARLY ON THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS CONCERNING  
FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS. EDITORIALS SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW  
OF THESE PRINCIPLES, THE U.S. SHOULD EMPHASIZE ITS RELATIONS  
WITH FREE WORLD NATIONS AND END DETENTE AND NORMALIZATION  
POLICIES WITH USSR AND PRC RESPECTIVELY.

2. JANUARY 23 WORLD FREEDOM DAY RALLY IN TAIPEI PROVIDED  
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SEMI-OFFICIAL EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR  
AND INTERPRETATION OF THE INAUGURAL SPEECH. THE WORLD  
FREEDOM AY RALLY DECLARATION STATED THAT "THE DISTINCT  
SOUND OF THE WORLD FREEDOM DAY BELL AND THE ROAR OF PEOPLE  
EVERYWHERE CALLING FOR THE WINNING AND SAFEGUARDING OF  
FREEDOM WILL KEEP THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION VIGILANTLY  
AWAKE FOR THE THOROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOFTY PRINCIPLE  
THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ADVANCED IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS."

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3. THE RALLY ALSO REPORTEDLY SENT A CABLE TO PRESIDENT  
CARTER ENDORSING THE "MORAL PRINCIPLE (HE) ADVANCED FOR  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS," HIS STAND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
DIGNITY, HIS DETERMINATION TO FREE MANKIND FROM THREATS,  
AND HIS "EMPHASIS THAT AMERICANS CAN NEVER BE INDIFFERENT  
TO THE FATE OF FREEDOM."

4. ON A MORE CAUTIOUS NOTE, THE CHUNGK KUO SHIH PAO IN A COMMENTARY ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICIES NOTED PARENTHETICALLY THAT CARTER'S "MORAL FOREIGN POLICY" WAS AIMED AT QUESTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND NOT AT QUESTIONS OF MAINTAINING COMMITMENTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT ROC AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. SHEN CHIEN-HUNG MADE A SIMILAR STATEMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO TAIWAN.)  
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